

The National Study of Long-Term Care Providers (NSLTCP) is the first ever federal study of adult day services (ADS) centers. For the first time, the NSLTCP will allow us to compare our services, participants, and funding to other providers such as home health care and assisted living communities. The information is critical as we continue to develop adult day services in this current economic environment. **The National Adult Day Services Association encourages and appreciates your participation in this important, national research effort.**

NSLTCP is designed to provide national information—and where possible state information—about ADS centers and their participants. ADS center directors will be asked to provide information about their centers through a questionnaire. NSLTCP will collect information about services, staffing, and practices; participants' physical and cognitive functioning; and sources of payment for participants' care. This information will help policymakers, health care planners, and ADS providers better understand, plan for, and serve the future long-term care needs of older persons and younger adults with disabilities. **All individual data will be kept confidential and the data will be aggregated, so that the names of ADS centers, staff, participants and respondents will not be identifiable.**

The study is being conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), an agency of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). National data collection will start in September 2012. All ADS centers will be invited to participate in the national survey. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (877) 745-1440.

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